Revamping of U.N.O.

289. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.N. Secretary General has submitted a revamp report to the world body to streamline the 190 nation body;

(b) if so, the details thereafter;

(c) whether this report also contains some proposal for restructuring of the Security Council; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes. The highlights of the reform measures are:

(i) a through review of the programme of work;

(ii) detailed proposals for improving performance in the areas of human rights and public information;

(iii) reduction in the number of meetings and reports required to be produced by the Secretariat;

(iv) changes in the budget and planning system;

(v) steps to improve coordination among UN entities at the country level;

(vi) review by an independent panel of relations between the UN and civil society; and

(vii) proposals for improving quality and performance of staff.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Cheating by Travel Agents

†290. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.